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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AND  
TREATING NOVEL ELASTOMER COMPOSITES**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following new paragraph before the first sentence in the specification:

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--This application is a divisional application of and claims priority to application Serial No. 09/549,051 filed April 13, 2000, and claims priority to provisional application Serial No. 60/129,791, filed on April 16, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1- 10 and 14.

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